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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - FUEL SHORTAGES

1. PAA DIRECTOR RUNNETTE TOLD US TODAY (NOVEMBER 16) THAT ACCORDING TO ESSO HAMBURG A 25 PERCENT REDUCTION IN JET FUEL DELIVERIES WOULD TAKE EFFECT ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19. PAA NEW YORK WOULD RECEIVE OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION FROM EXXON TODAY, AND WHILE RUNNETTE EXPECTED PAA NEW YORK TO EXERT PRESSURE ON EXXON TO MEET ITS COMMITMENTS FULLY, HE DOUBTED THAT THE CUTBACK COULD BE AVOIDED.

2. RUNNETTE SAID THAT PAA HAD BEEN CANVASSING OTHER FUEL SUPPLIERS OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS RE POSSIBILITIES FOR ADDITIONAL DELIVERIES TO COMPENSATE FOR ESSO SHORTFALL. THE RESULTS WERE DISAPPOINTING IN THAT NO
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OTHER SUPPLIER WAS WILLING TO INCREASE THE LEVEL OF ITS

PRESENT DELIVERIES. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES RUNNETTE SAW NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO BEGIN CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR PAA SCHEDULED REDUCTIONS ON THE IGS TO TAKE EFFECT NEXT WEEK. HIS THINKING RE FREQUENCY REDUCTIONS WAS AS FOLLOWS;

FRANKFURT -- REDUCTION, 2 FLIGHTS
HAMBURG -- REDUCTION, 1 FLIGHT
MUNICH -- REDUCTION, 1 FLIGHT
NUERNBERG -- REDUCTION, 1 FLIGHT
COLOGNE -- REDUCTION, 1 FLIGHT

3. BASED ON HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER SUPPLIERS, RUNNETTE THEORIZED DELIVERY CUTBACKS FROM ALL SOURCES COULD BE EXPECTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND THAT BEA MIGHT WELL BE FACED WITH A SIMILAR PROBLEM BEFORE TOO LONG.

4. WE DISCUSSED THIS SITUATION WITH THE ACTING BRITISH CAA CULLAMORE STRESSING OUR VIEW THAT SUPPLIES OF JET FUEL AVAILABLE IN BERLIN FROM ALL SOURCES SHOULD BE SHARED BY THE ALLIED IGS CARRIERS ON A EQUITABLE BASIS. CULLAMORE SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY SYMPATHIZED WITH OUR POSITION THAT THERE SHOULD BE AN EQUITABLE ALLOCATION OF FUEL IN ORDER TO AVOID AN ABRUPT ROLLBACK IN THE BERLIN SERVICES; BUT WOULD, OF COURSE, HAVE TO OBTAIN LONDON VIEWS AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE UK MISSION IN BERLIN. HE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO CONSULT WITH US FURTHER TOMORROW, NOV. 17.

5. ASSUMING THAT THE US IS IN AGREEMENT, WE WILL THEN (A) DEVELOP A PLAN FOR ACCOMPLISHING THE NECESSARY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IN BERLIN AND (B) TOGETHER WITH THE BRITISH AND FRENCH APPROACH THE GERMANS TO FIND OUT THE EXTENT TO WHICH THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN THE IGS AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO ITS NORMAL LEVEL. THE FRENCH CAA HAS BEEN KEPT INFORMED OF THE SITUATION AND WE WOULD EXPECT HIS SUPPORT OF WHATEVER JOINT POSITION WE CAN ARRIVE AT WITH THE BRITISH.
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